

**REMARKS**

Applicants elect for further examination the claims of Species A, *i.e.*, solution applied to the leaves of growing tobacco plants, Claims 1-20, 41, 42, 44-49, and 51.

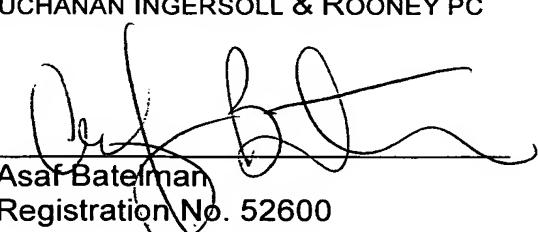
Additionally, the outstanding Official Action requires an election of one chemical compound or one mixture of chemical compounds disclosed in Claim 19 or Claim 39. Applicants elect, for purposes of further examination, the chemical compound abscisic acid. Applicant respectfully submit that the claims of Species A readable thereon include, at least, Claims 1, 2, 7-10, 12-20 and 47.

Applicants believe that the foregoing is fully responsive to the outstanding Official Action including the restriction and the election of species requirement. If, however, the Examiner believes that any further information or election is required, the Examiner is encouraged to contact applicants' attorney at the number provided below. Such informal communication will expedite examination and disposition of the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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